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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
Tatsuya SASAKAWA et al. : GROUP ART UNIT: 1632  
SERIAL NO: 09/548,290 : EXAMINER: BECKERLEG, A.  
FILED: APRIL 12, 2000 :  
FOR: ANIMAL MODEL FOR ALLERGIC DISORDERS

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated June 18, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 21-28

Please add the following claims.

--29. (New) A mouse suitable as a model for atopic dermatitis, wherein the mouse is a NC/Nga mouse which has been impregnated with a mite extract under a specific pathogen free environment, such that the animal displays allergy at least one symptom of atopic dermatitis caused by the mite extract.

30. (New) The mouse of Claim 29, wherein said symptom is skin lesions.